

Study Abroad Individual Scholarships Fact Sheet

Read this fact sheet carefully, and follow all directions in applications completely and precisely. If you do so, your chances of receiving a scholarship will be significantly higher!

Funding Policies and Facts:

- All scholarships awarded through CIE-Study Abroad & Exchange Office (CIE-SAE) are **competitive**. Applications are evaluated based on **financial need, academic merit, and academic and professional goals as related to the proposed program abroad**. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding.
- CIE-SAE will award no more than one scholarship to the same individual for the same program abroad.
- **Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding**. Applications that do not follow the application directions will be deemed technically ineligible. Follow all directions given on the scholarship application, and include all required documentation.
- When preparing your budget, **keep the statement of expenses simple**. Stay within the designated expense categories unless there are extraordinary circumstances that warrant a request outside of those categories. If there are extraordinary circumstances, explain them briefly. Personal expenses such as souvenirs will not be funded by scholarships.
- **Do not submit extraneous material that is not requested.**
- Individuals should seek several sources of funding in addition to CIE-SAE for their study abroad – funding matches from other sources are viewed favorably in award decisions.
- Funding is only available for UNC-approved programs. Only students who have worked with the Study Abroad & Exchange Director or faculty members who lead courses abroad will be considered for scholarships.
- Acceptance of a scholarship obligates the recipient to: (1) provide a thank you note at the time of acceptance to the donor of the funds, sent to CIE-SAE, by the specified date in their award letter, and (2) a service project with CIE-SAE upon the recipient's return to UNC, coordinated through the CIE-SAE Study Abroad & Exchange Director.

CIE-SAE Scholarships Available

Scholarship Program Name	Eligibility Criteria	Average Award and Number of Awards Yearly	Deadline
Rotary International Scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current UNC degree-seeking student; 2. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; 3. Completed coursework: 24 hours for undergraduates or 9 hours for graduate students, and 4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty. 	<p>\$2,500</p> <p>One award/year</p>	On or before March 1
Field Study/Seminar Scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current UNC degree-seeking student; 2. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; 3. Completed coursework: 24 hours for undergraduates or 9 hours for graduate students, and 4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty. 	<p>\$2,500</p> <p>One award/year</p>	On or before March 1
International Scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current UNC degree-seeking student; 2. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; 3. Completed coursework: 24 hours for undergraduates or 9 hours for graduate students; 4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty, and 5. Finalists will be selected through a personal interview process. 	<p>\$5,000</p> <p>One award/year</p>	On or before March 1



Rotary District 5440 International and Field Study/Seminar Scholarships

What is District 5440 Scholarship?

The purpose of District 5440 Scholarship Program "is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of good will to the people of the host country and give presentation about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries."

How is this scholarship made possible?

This scholarship is made possible by the generous contributions of District 5440 Rotarians which represents their continued faith that the students who are scholars today will be tomorrow's community and world leaders bettering the life of mankind.

What are the program objectives of this scholarship?

The District 5440 Scholarship Program supports The Rotary Foundation's ultimate goal of world understanding and peace by:

1. Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill in another country.
2. Instilling in scholars the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through active participation in Rotary service projects.
3. Encouraging scholars to dedicate their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of their home community and country.
4. Developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the global community.
5. Fostering long term partnerships between District Scholars and Rotary.

Eligibility Requirements

- Having a strong commitment to international understanding demonstrated through professional and/or academic achievements and personal and community service activities.
- Possessing excellent leadership skills.
- Being a student in good standing at Colorado State University, University of Northern Colorado OR the University of Wyoming.
- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Participation in a credit or non-credit bearing education abroad program authorized by the home university.
- In keeping with **Rotary's Six Areas of Focus**, the District 5440 Scholarship Program will provide scholarships to students who will be studying in one or more of the following Six Areas of Focus.

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
2. Disease Prevention and Treatment
3. Water and Sanitation
4. Maternal and Child Health
5. Basic Education and Literacy
6. Economic and Community Development

Additional Scholarship Information

Three competitive scholarships are offered each year in District 5440. Two International Scholarships (1 \$2500 and 1 \$5000) and one Field Study/Seminar Scholarship (\$2500). Length of study can vary from Short-Term Work or Study, Summer, Semester or Academic Year. Scholarship monies are to be used for tuition, room and board, research expenses and/or travel only.

Scholarship Deadline & Application

March 1st. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

University of Northern Colorado students will apply for the Rotary District 5440 Scholarship by completing a study abroad application through the CIE-Study Abroad Office and turning in the additional materials required below. Please note, if chosen you must apply and be accepted to an education abroad program by the time of disbursement to receive the scholarship monies.

University of Northern Colorado will nominate top applicants to the Scholarship Committee for Rotary District 5440. They may require nominees to complete an interview or other additional application pieces to be able to make a final selection. Rotary will contact nominees directly at this stage of the process.

To Apply

A complete application will include:

- 1) A completed [Study Abroad & Exchange application](#) to an approved program abroad
- 2) 2 Essays (300-500 words each)
 - a. Statement of Purpose Essay: what do you expect to gain from your proposed study abroad experience? You should address efforts which you have made to prepare for international study, including foreign language training if appropriate, your financial contribution, and other preparations for this opportunity. Include information about previous travel, study, and work abroad, if any. What impact will this study abroad program and receiving this scholarship have on your academic or professional goals?
 - b. Program Description and Objectives Essay: provide a description of the intended program of study, including prospective courses or field work and how those courses or field experience fit into your long term academic and professional plans. Students wanting to do independent research should outline their research design and give contact information for their project / independent study faculty mentor. How will you project the program objectives of the scholarship during your time abroad? How will you use your international experience to inspire others? How do you plan to utilize your international educational experience within your community?
- 3) 2 Academic Letters of Recommendation
- 4) A budget (please use the attached budget sheet)

****A strong application is one that is highly individualized, focused, and purposeful and reflects insight into the program and host culture. Strong responses are creative, well organized, clearly presented and demonstrate an understanding of the program and culture beyond what can be easily obtained from a program brochure.**

Tentative Budget

Name: _____

Length of time Abroad: From _____ to _____

Destination: _____

Program Fees (billed through UNC account)	
Tuition and Fees	
International Health Insurance	
Study Abroad/Exchange Admin Fee	\$300
TOTAL Program Fee	

Estimated Additional Expenses (not billed to student account)	
Housing	
Airfare	
Fees paid to UAS (public transport ticket)	
In-country health insurance	
Passport/Visa/Required Documents/Photos/Immunizations	
Texts/Course Materials	
Essential Daily Living Expenses	
TOTAL Estimated Additional Expenses (without spending money)	
Additional Spending Money & Personal Travel (not included in financial aid calculation)	

The above estimated total expenses are used to help plan and prepare for the program, as well as calculate eligibility for financial aid. Not all students will incur all the expenses above. Not that the last line is not considered a necessary expense and is not included in the total for financial aid purposes. All amounts listed are estimates and are subject to change depending on international economic factors, past participant reports, and on-site staff reports. Student expenditures in-country depends greatly on personal spending habits, post- or during-program travel, and available funds.